

SENATE BILL 929

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-205 and Section 2-5-101, relative to the presidential preference primary and the qualifying dates for a county primary or municipal election held with the presidential preference primary.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(2), is amended by deleting the third sentence and by substituting instead the following language:

In presidential election years, if a political party calls for the county primary in March, the qualifying deadline for candidates in the primary and independent candidates for those office shall be twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Thursday in December.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(3), is amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence:

Candidates in municipal elections held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary election shall file their nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Thursday in December.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-205, is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following sentence:

On the first Tuesday in March before presidential electors are elected, a presidential preference primary shall be held for each statewide political party.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.